

## Valley 200 2023: Sue Bendavid

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Bendavid is chair of the employment practice group at the Encino-based Lewitt Hackman law firm. She oversees litigation, counseling and transactions, representing employers in matters from claims prevention and training to individual and class-action lawsuits. She is a member of the San Fernando Valley Bar Association, where she has served as trustee, officer, chair of various committees and president. She is on the board of the Valley Industry and Commerce Association and chairs its Labor and Employment committee. She graduated cum laude with honors with an undergraduate degree in political science from California State University – Northridge and received her J.D. degree from Loyola Law School Los Angeles.

## Valley 200 2023: Barry Kurtz

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Kurtz is chair of the Franchise Practice Group at the Lewitt Hackman law firm, based in Encino. He represents franchisors and franchisees in national and regional restaurant, retail and service businesses. Kurtz has been certified as a legal specialist in franchise and distribution law by the State Bar of California's Board of Legal Specialization and was recently recognized by his peers in The Best Lawyers in America as among the top 5% of attorneys nationwide in franchise law. He has been named a Trusted Advisor by the Business Journal several times in the last 16 years.